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# GRAUSTARK

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1971EB

"Fall 1905"

## FRANKS SAVE PROPHET'S ARMY

Following "Spring 1905" moves Austria-Hungary retreated. A Von-Tus and Turkoy retreated. F Smy-Syr.

ENGLAND (Birsan): A Nwy-St.P; F Swe-Fin; F Bar S A Nwy-St.P; A Kic S FRENCH A Mun-Bor; F Don S F Ska-Swe; F Ska-Swe; F Hel S A Kic.

FRANCE (Holcombe): A Mun-Boh; A Tyr S A Mun-Boh; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A Bur-Mun; F Pie-Tus; F Rom S F Pie-Tus; F Eas S TURKISH F Syr-Smy.

ITALY (Brooks): A Von S FRENCH A Tyr; F Adr S A Ven; F Ion-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Drakert): F Con S RUSSIAN F Bla-Ank; F Smy-Syr; A Gre S F Alb; A Tus-Ven; A Tri S A Tus-Ven; A Vic & A Alb S A Tri.

RUSSIA (O'Neil): A Sov-Arm; F Bla-Ank; A Sil S A Bor; A Bor & A St.P hold; F Bal-Swe; A Fin S F Bal-Swe.

TURKEY (Hawley): A Arm-Ank; F Syr-Smy.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Tus & F Smy are dislodged and annihilated. The Russian A St.P must retreat to Livonia or Moscow, or be removed. The orders for this unit may be sent in with the "Winter 1905" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers.

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Hol, Kic, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P, Swe. (9)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Bel, Mun, Par, Por, Rom, Spa. (8)

ITALY: Nap, Tun, Ven. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Con, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Ank, Bor, Bul, Mos, Rum, Sov, War. (7)

TURKEY: Smy. (1)

England, France, and Italy may build one unit each (in addition to any (continued on p. 4)

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"Fall 1905"

## THANKSGIVING DAY: ITALIANS CARVE TURKEY

Following "Spring 1905" moves Austria-Hungary retreated. A Rum-Ukr. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Lipton): A St.P S RUSSIAN A Mos-Liv; F Bar S A St.P; A Lon-Bro; F Eng C A Lon-Bro; A Pic S A Lon-Bro; F Wos-Tyr; F Spa(s.c.)-Mar; F Iri-Mid.

FRANCE (Nozik): A Bre-Par; A Gas-Spa; A Mar S A Gas-Spa.

GERMANY (Berman): A Bur-Par; A Tyr-Vie; A Pru-War; A Boh S A Tyr-Vie; F Hol-Bel [sic]; A Mun-Tyr; F Bol not ordered, holds.

ITALY (Wardon): A Arm-Ank; F Aeg-Con; A Smy S A Arm-Ank; A Von-Tyr; F Tyr-Tun; F Gro not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bell): A Ukr-Rum; A Ser S A Ukr-Rum; A Tri-Vie; A Liv-War; F Bul(s.c.) S ITALIAN F Aeg-Con.

RUSSIA (Barents): F Bla-Sov; A Rum S F Bla-Sov; A Mos-War; A Bud-Tri.

TURKEY (Gutierrez): A Con S A Ank; A Ank S A Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats and/or removals may be made:

ENGLAND: F Spa(s.c.)-Lyo, -Wos, -Por, or removal.

FRANCE: A Bre-Gas or removal.

RUSSIA: A Rum-Gal or removal.

TURKEY: A Con & A Ank removed.

The orders for these units may be sent in with the "Winter 1905" moves, which may be made conditional upon them. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Por, St.P, Swe. (8)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Bel, Bor, Den, Hol, Kic, Mun, Vie. (7)

ITALY: Ank, Con, Nap, Gre, Rom, Smy, (continued on p. 4)

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"Spring 1905"

## RUSSIANS ADVANCE ON BROAD FRONT

ENGLAND (Trtck): F Hol S A Kio; A Kic S F Hol; F Mid-Por; F Eng-Mid; F Lon-Eng; F Hcl-Nth; A Edi-Yor.

FRANCE (Hendry): A Pic-Mar; A Bur-Mun; F Spa(s.c.)-Mid.

GERMANY (Tessor): A Bcr-Mun; A Ruh S A Bcr-Mun; F Bcl S A Ruh [sic]; A Par-Brc; A Gas-Spa.

ITALY (Horton): F Rom-Tyr; F Nap-Apu; F Wcs-Tun; A Ven S A Tri; A Tri S A Ven.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Nozik): A Bud S TURKISH A Scr-Tri.

RUSSIA (P. Wood): A Pru-Bcr; F Bal S A Pru-Bcr; A War-Sil; A Gal-Bud; A Rum S A Gal-Bud; F Bla-Con; A Vie S TURKISH A Scr-Tri.

TURKEY (Drakort): A Scr-Tri; A Grc-Sor; F Aeg-Ion; F Alb S F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Bul(s.c.); F Smy-Eas.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Austro-Hungarian A Bud is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972.

LONDON: In a surprise announcement, King Edward VII declared he was abdicating his throne "for the profession I love, show biz." The monarch revealed he has signed on for the coming season with the American-owned Larson E. Whipsnade Circus. Touring as Picadilly Bort, the Juggler Royal, the former king should be "a smash", in the words of Mr. Whipsnade. "The kid's a natural," remarked the American.

LONDON: Punch revealed the winners of the Third Annual "Tell a Hun Joke" Contest. Grand prize entry was Q. How many Europeans does it take to start a war? A. Two. A German with a gun and an Englishman to show him how to use it.

LONDON: In the wake of King Edward's sudden abdication, the nation's eyes turned to his successor: George, Prince of Wales. The Prince could not be found, however, prompting a near-panic. The headline of the Times boldly asked, "GEORGE STEVENS, WHERE IS YOU?!"

1972E

"Fall 1904"

## EVENTS HINT ANGLO-TURKISH ALLIANCE

Contrary to indications in the last issue, the Italian A Rom does indeed exist; it was lost to the GameMaster's sight during the interregnum in that country.

ENGLAND (Abbott): F Wcs-Tyr; F Tun S F Wcs-Tyr; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-Mid; F Ska-Swc; A St.P holds.

FRANCE (Lipson): A Gas-Par; A Mar-Tus; F Lyo C A Mar-Tus; A Pic S A Mar-Tus.

GERMANY (Fong): A Bur-Par; A Mun-Boh; A Tyr S A Mun-Boh; A Ruh-Mun; F Bre-Gas; A Sil-Gal.

ITALY (Ricci): No moves received. A Ven & A Rom hold; F Ion dislodged and annihilated.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Prosnitz): A Vie-Tyr; A Tri S A Vic-Tyr; A Scr S A Tri; A Gal-War; F Grc S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion.

RUSSIA (Pearson): A Liv-St.P; A Mos S A Liv-St.P; A War-Ukr.

TURKEY (Osmanson): F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; F Rum holds; A Scv-Mos; A Ukr S A Scv-Mos.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Tyr is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers hold the same supply centers as those listed in GRAUSTARK #265, save that England has acquired Tunis from Italy and Sweden

from Russia. England may build two new units, and Italy and Germany may each build one; Russia must remove one. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972. David Ayers should send in a stand-by build for Italy; see GRAUSTARK #267 for his address. Press releases begin on p. 11.

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"Fall 1904"

KASAKEN KOMTEN!

ENGLAND (Lipton): F Liv-NAt; F Lon-Nth; F Edi S F Lon-Nth.

FRANCE (Warren): F Bol holds; A Spa-Gas; A Mar S A Spa-Gas.

GERMANY (De Jonghe): A Bur-Mar; A Bro-Gas; A Par S A Bro-Gas; A Ruh-Bol; A Kic-Mun; F Den S RUSSIAN F Nwy-Nth; F Hol-Hol.

ITALY (Dovercaux): No moves received. A Vie, A Tyr, A Von, F Tyr, & F Ion hold; A Bud & F Bul(s.c.) dislodged and annihilated.

RUSSIA (Atteberry): F Bla-Bul(c.c.); F Arm-Bla; A Ser S F Bla-Bul(c.c.); A Gal-Bud; A Rum S A Gal-Bud; F Nwy-Nth; F Nrg S F Nwy-Nth; A Boh-Vic; F Bal-Kic; A Ber S F Bal-Kic; A Swo-Den.

TURKEY (Blandin): F Con S A Ank; A Ank S F Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now, control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon. (3)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Von, Vic.

FRANCE: Bol, Mar, Por, Spa. (4)

(6)

GERMANY: Bro, Den, Hol, Mun, Par. (5)

RUSSIA: Ber, Bud, Bul, Kic, Mos, Nwy,

Rum, St.P., Ser, Sev, Swo, War. (12)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Gre, Smy. (4)

Italy, Russia, and Turkey may each build one unit, and Germany must remove two. (France would have a build, and Turkey would have another, save that homo supply centers are not available for them.) The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972. The first stand-by, Mike Childers, P. O. Box 1201, College Station, Texas 77840, should send in a build for Italy. Robert Warren has a new address; see p. 9.

1971EB - PRESS RELEASE

VIENNA: Austria expresses her desire to live at peace with any and all of her neighbors. Remember the old adage: Bygones be bygones, turn the other cheek, etc.

LATE REPORTS

Owing to a picnic invitation, this issue of GRAUSTARK is getting into the mail a little late. I want to express my appreciation for my daughter Karina's efforts in taking last-minute moves, and in a couple of cases calling up people whose moves had not yet arrived.

It has been my experience that most readers active in games normally receive GRAUSTARK on the Tuesday after the publication date. Since for this issue that date is Independence Day, I trust that receipt of it will not be too delayed. At any rate, builds and removals will be the order of business for most players, rather than move negotiations. Retreats, where necessary, should be sent in quickly so that other players waiting to make builds or removals may be informed.

In case anyone was wondering, the German move "F Hol-Bol" in 1971EC gets a "[sic]" because there isn't a German F Hol.

A number of my comments about the McGovern candidacy are supported by the liberal columnist William Shannon in an article in the New York Times Magazine of 2 July. Shannon also sees McGovern as offering no substantive difference from the Humphrey-Muskie policy, and indicates that he is now selling out his anti-war campaign workers and "New Politics" supporters.

1971EC - PRESS RELEASES

POLOPOLIS, LITTLE ITALY (IDUNNO): Umberto the Last, Phumphra's greatest tactician, announced today that he would be going to Liechtenstein to take charge of Phumphra's war effort. Odds on the war dropped from 3:1 in favor of Phumphra to 1:3.

VIENNA: Early this morning, Ivan Gorski, a rookie Austrian policeman, made the first arrest of his career. Shortly after 2 AM, Ivan spotted an old man staggering through the streets of Vienna, laughing and shouting, so Gorski arrested him for intoxication, disturbing the peace, and general troublemaking. When the prisoner sobered up, it was discovered that he was none other than the Austrian Emperor! At first, Gorski was understandably apprehensive about how his Emperor would react, but he was soon put at ease.

"No reason to regret my arrest," the Emperor said. "You were just doing your job. In fact, you have demonstrated such courage at this job that you should do quite well at your new job."

"New job?"

"Oh, but of course. I am now officially appointing you as my personal license plate manufacturer."

MEGERGORA (SHUCKS): This press Sevice to day annouced That LiPless The Speach hess was keing Thrown out of The country of WOODMERE. IT seems AS he was too greedy and Stole from the treasury 25 duck eggs, 42 viles of vile Smelling tonics, 71 Rotin eggs, 62½ condoms, 18 bicycle Pums, 606 tuba mouth pieces and 24 britch control pills. IT Seems as Though he needed a fix?!

GWESCHWALD (I'M HERE): Herbert halfwit took refuse on this island today. It seems As The blue meanies are still after him "Greedy S.B's" Herbie said.

MOSCOW - to ENGLAND: Back stAbber I hope ItAlly kills you! Arw About it Austria?

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR (URRP): The halls of the Representative Diet, chief legislative body of the Inner Crust of the earth, rang with complaints about the increased noise level of the war on the Outer Crust. "How would these insolent Outer Crusters like it," said the Sarian cave man Blab the Talkative One, "if someone living just above them were to stamp on the floor and shoot off fire-sticks all night long? That is just our position on the earth's inner crust while the war continues in Europe."

Lard the Oily One, Minister of Preparedness for War and Dinner, announced that a 7-prong offensive against the Outer Crust powers would begin shortly. "While I am speaking to you," he said, "700 ravenously hungry Coripis are marching through a network of caves which emerges in the Tyrolian Alps."

"If I know Coripis," shouted a Himean caveman, "they'll probably get lost and march up a mammoth's ass!" This set off a general riot, which ended with six Coripis roasting the Himean over a spit on the Speaker's rostrum, while six diarrheotic Mahars flew frantically around the chamber, resulting in an adjournment of the meeting.

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Tun, Ven. (8)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bul, Rum, Ser, Tri. (4)

RUSSIA: Bud, Mos, Sev, War. (4)

Austria-Hungary must remove one unit, Italy may build two, and Germany may build one - in addition to any builds necessitated by removals of dislodged units. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972. Turkey, having lost all supply centers, is out of the game.

Press releases appear on p. 4. Steve Nozik writes that for the rest of the summer his address will be Camp Seneca Lake, R. F. D. #1, Penn Yan, N. Y. 14527.

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builds necessitated by removal of dislodged units. Turkey must remove one unit. The deadline for "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972. A press release appears on p. 3.

## EASTERN POWERS ROLL TO VICTORY

The "Spring 1913" moves came in from Turkey in considerable confusion. At one point two complete and different sets of moves came in, with no indication as to which were to be used. Two separate sets of corrections came in at later times. The last such set arrived with a delayed mail delivery on the deadline date - after moves had already been printed. Since it is GRAUSTARK's policy to accept moves that come in with the regular mail delivery on the deadline date, even if they arrive after noon, a revision was necessary. The revised "Spring 1913" moves and adjudications are:

FRANCE (Nierenberg): A Par-Bre; A Gas S A Par-Bre; A Bur-Pic.

RUSSIA (Buchanan): F Nwy-Nrg; F Nrg-NAT; F Eng-Iri; F Lon-Eng; A Edi-Bel; F Nth C A Edi-Bel; F Hol S A Edi-Bel; A Pic-Par; A Ruh & A Mun S TURKISH A Bel-Bur; A Boh & A Gal hold; A Ssv-Arm; F Wes S F Tyr; F Tyr S F Wes.

TURKEY (Barents): F Mid-Bre; F Tun-NAf; F Ion-Tun; A Bel-Bur; F Tus-Pie; F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Mar-Gas; A Spa S A Mar-Gas; F Lyo S A Spa; F Eas S F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Son; F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; A Syr-Arm.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Gas is annihilated, and France retreats A Bur-Mar. These adjudications were mailed out to all players, and the "Fall 1913" deadline was retained.

ISSMEAL-GAKA (HERESTILL): today MJIX announced that he was planning a trip to Russia to seek military aid against the Pandit the Bandit.

CUKRUMBAH MTS. (GOING): Pandit the Bandit announced that his twin sister Bustya was being sent to the Russian capitol of St. Petersburg to seek the friendship the the Russians against the torment of the people - MJIX!

ISSHEMEAL-KEP (GOINGSTRONG): Hasha is being taken away by 3 garuds far moning 51". They Bush him up the sleps, though 3 doors, up the hall the 5th door on the right, and toss him into the purple room. Lock him in & Leave him.

There ars No windows, No Nothing in the entire room. Hasha hears The naire of the fight going on. He is so clase Now! He tries the door, Nothing searches the walls, The floors & At ~~the~~ A trap door Sends him down 3 floars into a black roon, but in this roon his An exit. Hasha moves towards it when some one asks

"Want a Puff?"

"What? Hasha asks"

"Want a Puff?"

"I don't sonke"

"you do if your here. we all do, That live here"

"live here?"

"yes"

"But the door"

"Goes to never, never land man, take a trip!"

Fealing dejected Hasha takes a trip. At once Hasha begins to fly. Up the black stair way into the door at the top of the stairs where he sleeps far hours. Wat will happen Now? guss for soon this will all end.

"Fall 1913"

FRANCE: A Par-Gas; A Mar-Gas.

RUSSIA: F Nrg-Bar; F Nth-Nrg; F Hol-Nth; F Tyr-Wes; F Wes-Mid; F NAT & F Iri S F Wes-Mid; F Eng S TURKISH F Mid-Bre; A Pic S TURKISH A Gas-Par; A Bel S A Pic; A Ruh, A Mun, A Boh, A Gal, & A Sev. hold.

TURKEY: F Mid-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Gas-Par; F Lyo-Spa(s.c.); A Spa-Por; F Pie-Lyo; F Nap-Tyr; F Aeg-Gre; F Con-Aeg; F Tun, F NAF, F Eas, F Smy, & A Syr hold.

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IN GRATITUDE FOR TURKEY'S BENEVOLENCE  
RUSSIA'S TSAR IS MEDITATING BEFORE THE IKON OF IKONS

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Bel-Eng; F Nth S F Bel-Eng; F Iri S F Bsl-Eng; F Liv-NAT; A Lon  
PRACTICES AMPHIBIOUS MANEUVERS.

FRANCE (Latin): F Eng-Iri; F Mid S F Eng-Iri; A Pic-Bel; A Bur S A Pic-Bel; A Gas  
S A Bur.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Den S RUSSIAN F Swe; F Kie-Hol; A Hol-Bsl; A Ruh S A Hol-Bsl;  
A Mun-Eur.

ITALY (Burley): A Ven holds; A Tus S A Ven; F Apu-Adr; F Tyr-Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Berman): A Tyr-Pis; A Tri-Tyr; F Alb-Adr; A Bud-Tri; A Rum S TURKISH  
A Arm-Ssv.

RUSSIA (Phillips): No moves received. F Sws, A St.P, A Mos, A Ukr, & F Ssv hold.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Arm-Bul; F Bla C A Arm-Bul; A Gre-Ser; F Aeg-Gre; F Ion S  
ITALIAN F Apu-Acr.

Underlined moves are not possible. England's F Iri is dislodged and may retreat; this retreat must be phoned or mailed to the Gamesmaster no later than 24 hours after the receipt of these adjudications. The direction of this retreat will be published in GRAUSTARK #269 on 15 July 1972. Deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is 6 PM, MONDAY 24 JULY 1972.

Regular players of GRAUSTARK may question why the English move F Iri S F Bel-Eng is not underlined even though the unit is dislodged. The 1971BG houserules of Gamesmaster Nachman are not the same as those of GRAUSTARK and according to his houserules the support given by F Iri is valid because F Iri in supporting an attack on the English Channel is dislodged from the English Channel.

((According to my records, the first stand-by in this game is Larry Fong, P. O. Box 11090, Oakland, Calif. 94611; 415-893-5941 or 415-845-4533. Although the Gamesmaster hasn't mentioned it, Fong should send in stand-by "Fall 1904" moves for Russia.))

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): The Emperor Titus Limpriatus was overthrown yesterday by a conspiracy of the Praetorian Guard, who elevated to the imperial purple their commander, Sextus Licentius Macho. The new Emperor, a hulking ex-gladiator, announced that his "effete snob of a predecessor will be thrown to the lions in the Circus Minimus, and replaced by a real male". His accession was met with loud acclaim by a cheering horde of women, including several members of the ex-Emperor's own family, who had been excluded from all positions by Titus.

The immediate cause of the revolt was the pro-British policy announced by Titus. The new Emperor has strong objections to the policies dominant in England under the reign of Queen Georgiana. He plans instead "Close, deep, and long-lasting relations" with the mother-goddess worshippers in the Skandalutz matriarchy.

1972A

"Winter 1904"

ENGLAND (Lipson): Removes the dislodged F Nth, and builds F Edi, F Lon. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Honig): Builds A Bud.

ITALY (Tretick): Removes F Adr, F Apu.

The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 JULY 1972. Michael Stroz should send in stand-by moves for France; see GRAUSTARK #267 for details. Press releases appear on p. 12.

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NEW ADDRESS: Eric Verheiden, Rm. A324, G. R. C., Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind. 47401 (until 18 Aug.); then will return to present address.

## THE MINI TRY OF MISCELLANY

"In 1969 Henry Kissinger...met with a group of visiting Asians. They asked if the Nixon administration was going to repeat the mistakes in Vietnam of the Johnson Administration. 'No,' he answered, 'we will not repeat their mistakes. We will not send 500,000 men.' Pause. 'We will make our own mistakes, and they will be completely our own.'" - David Halberstam, New Statesman, 19 May 1972

John Carroll asks what happens if England has F Eng, F Lon, F Nth, and A Nwy, and Germany has F Hol but suspects an English convoy to Belgium. "What happens if Germany orders F Hol-Nth? F Hol-Bel? Would England have to support the fleet in the North Sea with the fleet in London and have the fleet in the English Channel support a move into Belgium to assure victory?"

The adjudications in the two possible situations are as follows:

I.

ENGLAND: A Nwy-Bel; F Nth C A Nwy-Bel; F Lon S F Nth; F Eng S A Nwy-Bel.

GERMANY: F Hol-Nth.

II.

ENGLAND: A Nwy-Bel; F Nth C A Nwy-Bel; F Lon S F Nth; F Eng S A Nwy-Bel.

GERMANY: F Hol-Bel.

In the first situation the convoy succeeds even if the English F Nth is unsupported. As long as the convoying fleet is not dislodged by an attack, no attack can disrupt the convoy it makes. In the second case the English support by F Eng is necessary for the success of the attack.

Michael Gutierrez's copy of GRAUSTARK #266 came back from both the Louisiana addressees published for him in recent issues of GRAUSTARK - which is why he had no moves in as Turkey in 1971EC last issue. However, in the same mail as the second return came information from him that his present address is P. O. Box 22218, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La. 70803.

And Sharon Heap announces that, since 6 June, her address has been 1911 Riverview Drive, Endicott, N. Y. 13760

Lately, in his excellent new publication Platypus Pie, Brenton Ver Ploeg has been posing to the readers questions about how they would adjudge difficult legal cases. In the same spirit, I would like to pose three problems in the law of jurisdiction to the readers of GRAUSTARK.

I. Tinh and Khanh are residents of Hanoi, and citizens of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. They get into an argument over a girl in a bar in Hanoi. Tinh stabs Khanh fatally with a knife. QUESTION: Does the DRV government have the right to place Tinh on trial and, if he is found guilty, sentence him to prison or execution?

II. Khanh is a resident of Ha Gi and a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Schmidt is an East German engineer, presently a resident of Hanoi. They get into an argument over a girl in a bar in Hanoi. Schmidt shoots Khanh fatally with a Luger. QUESTION: Does the DRV government have the right to place Schmidt on trial and, if he is found guilty, sentence him to prison or execution?

III. Khanh is a resident of Hanoi and a citizen of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam. Smith is an American citizen. Smith drops a bomb on Khanh from 10,000 feet and kills him, his wife, his children, and his grandmother. QUESTION: Does the DRV government have the right to place Smith on trial and, if he is found guilty, sentence him to prison or execution?

Candidates for the GRAUSTARK degree in international law are instructed to answer all three questions, giving their reasons for all answers.

Tony Pandin, 10406 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106, announces that he has turned over publication of Terminus to Bob van Andel, who will fulfill all subscriptions. But he is starting a new Diplomacy magazine which, in the tradition of naming Diplomacy bulletins after imaginary countries, will be called Bangladesh. Bangladesh will carry five regular Diplomacy games with an entry fee of \$3 per player. Country preference lists may be submitted, or a player may take pot luck for whatever is left. Stand-by entries are \$1 for a position in any or all games. The subscription rate for non-players is 10 issues for

\$1.25.

Payton D. Turpin, 4834 Bram Avenue, Bonita, Calif. 92002 announces the publication of Thermopylae, which primarily deals with the variant game Imperialism IX-R, but with other variant games as well. He will take orphaned games under his wing, so the people who have been victimized in that respect would do well to write him.

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"In that splendid book Think Tanks.. Paul Dickson writes, 'Army Intelligence has been able to locate some 145 possible wars for the U. S. to become involved in, including both international and civil conflicts.' At the Institute for Land Combat (one of the think tanks) some 385 possible wars have been projected. Researchers have been told to assume that the U. S. will have a role to play in many of these wars and must be thinking how to win them..."

"Vietnam, to Pentagon thinkers, is not regarded as a disastrous, immoral blunder. No, writes Mr. Dickson, Vietnam is seen as a somewhat imperfect product of a war machine, a game we'll play more efficiently next time." - Harriet van Horne, New York Post, 16 June 1972

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Also published from this address is FREEDONIA, a bulletin of the postal play of the new Avalon-Hill war game Origins of World War II. The concept of this game, which was designed by James Dunnigan of Strategy & Tactics, owes much to Diplomacy. It sets up the European situation of 1935, and has Germany, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, the United States, and France try to outmaneuver each other to achieve their strategic goals without war. The game can be set up for postal play, and three postal games are now under way in FREEDONIA. A fourth is now being organized. The entry fee is \$3; subscriptions for non-playing readers are 8 issues for \$1. FREEDONIA is published at two-week intervals on the same dates as GRAUSTARK.

If you are just getting started in Origins, you will be particularly interested in FREEDONIA #33, which contains general information about postal Origins, and in #35, which contains the complete moves of three Origins games played in the offices of Strategy & Tactics during their Friday night war-gaming sessions.

FREEDONIA #36 offers players a chance to enter postal Origins games at no cost. A contest in Unhistory is offered, with questions about certain historical events which for various reasons have been ignored. The first prize is two free entries; second prize is one free entry. The deadline is 29 July 1972.

Origins can be played in several variations besides the "historical" game. Some variations ask what would have happened if France, or an Anglo-French alliance, or an Anglo-American alliance, had taken a more aggressive policy towards Germany.

A sample copy of FREEDONIA will be sent to any GRAUSTARK reader on request.

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"It is essential that the President of the United States approve immediately the sale of F-4 Phantom Jets to Israel. I am frankly disgusted with repeated promises but no delivery. If I am elected President of the United States, Israel will have these vital aircraft within a week." - handbill distributed by McGovern for President, New York, June 1972.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Me'ir has declared that Israel will be neutral in the 1972 U. S. presidential elections. (New York Post, 16 June 1972) Isn't that nice of her?

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According to the New York Times of 14 June 1972, "the Pentagon has cancelled an order for more than a quarter-million parka hoods lined with wolf fur in an effort to save ... vanishing timber wolves."

Now if they would only show the same concern for the survival of our own species.

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Robert E. Warren, who is now playing France in 1972G, announces that until 1 August his address will be c/o Terbovic, 1043 Adams St., Eugene, Oregon 97402. (It's not raining enough for you in New York?) Herb Barents reports that Walt Wood's present address is Temple Bldg., Holland, Mich.

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Chris Schleicher is extending to all new players, and not merely to those in the New York area, the offer mentioned in the last issue. These new games are open to all members of The Diplomacy Association. (TDA membership is \$1 per year from John J. Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10023.) The entry fee is \$5.50, payable to Beshara, which includes a 50% discount for TDA members. This fee includes a subscription to Atlantis, Schleicher's publication, for the duration of the game. You may include a list of your country preferences. Schleicher's address is 5122 W. Carmen Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60630.

Herb Barents reports that Paul J. Wood will be running a Diplomacy convention in Detroit on 9 July. For information contact Wood at 24613 Harmon, St. Clair Shores, Mich. 48080; 313-773-5918.

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GRAUSTARK is able to give its readers a reliable report on the current condition of Governor George Wallace. The bullet which struck his spine completely severed the connection between his brain and the upper half of his body.

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A correspondent who desires anonymity says, "Isn't it amusing that the 'International Diplomacy Division' was formed in early 1970 by Buddy Tretick to oppose Rod Walker and the old NJFGBDD. Now Rod Walker and others form the 'International Diplomacy Organization' to oppose John Beshara and 'The Diplomacy Association'. I guess if you're going to be in opposition, it's good to be 'International' for what that's worth."

Meanwhile, Rod Walker cheerfully admits having reprinted, without authorization or permission, John Beshara's article on stalemates. Furthermore, in a letter to GRAUSTARK, he says he will reprint without permission anything he feels like - and threatens to reprint all of Wazir #4.

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As this issue of GRAUSTARK goes to press, ominous signs are drawing together about the site of the Democratic convention at Miami Beach. The very geography of the region produces apprehension. Miami Beach can be cut completely off from the mainland if 3 or 4 causeways are closed - demonstrators can be isolated there, or demonstrators and delegates can be cut off. President Nixon has already moved in some Army units. The city council has decided to isolate "non-delegates" - by which they mean anybody who might conceivably protest about anything - on another island. Cuban emigres having close organizational connections with the Central Intelligence Agency are converging on Miami, as are native-grown rednecks. About 300 Wallace delegates will form a hard core for this force, and may take on anti-war delegates on the floor of the convention itself. Local inhabitants are talking of armed vigilantism. Finally, most people seem to have forgotten that there was worse rioting at the 1968 Republican convention in Miami Beach than at the 1968 Democratic convention in Chicago. Bad as the Chicago police were, no one was killed, while there are at least 2 deaths during the Republican convention, and much more property damage.

If I were living in Miami Beach, I would spend the next couple of weeks in a nice quiet place - like Derry. This would be particularly true if, as I suspect, an attempt will be made by whatever combination of force, fraud, and intimidation to deny the nomination to Senator McGovern.

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"Everything You Always Wanted to Know About George McGovern..."

A pamphlet with this intriguing title is available for 25¢ from the Young Socialist Alliance, 8th floor, 706 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 10003. The author, Laura Miller, is a former member of the "Clean for Gene" brigade. Though the tone of the pamphlet is a trifle doctrinaire, it is a valuable and convenient source for factual material about McGovern's record of votes and public statements. It shows that, if he is elected, he will at best transfer America's brushfire war from Vietnam to somewhere else - where people will get killed just as dead.

## A SERIES OF PROGRESSIVE NORTHERN STALEMATE POSITIONS

by Robert Bryan Lipton

Below are nine basic positions of stalemate for northern alliances, particularly those spearheaded by England. It is crucial that all players recognize the stalemate for what it is: A last-ditch defensive position, to be moved into only when all possible expansion is blocked, and contraction is imminent. As such, it approaches criminality to move into these positions at any time before the late midgame, or endgame. Such actions indicate a lack of confidence, an unsureness of oneself, and alliance with a player who considers himself a bad one is advisable only when the ally is one who is well known as a good player. One can never win a game by moving into defensive position.

On the other hand, it is equally stupid to move into positions that cannot be held. The best strategy is probably the middle course: to realise that, although any offensive move entails risk, that risk is necessary. If there was no risk, what fun would diplomacy be?

## Position I:

Supply centers: Lon, Edi, Liv, Por.

Positions &amp; Moves: F Iri S F Mid; F Por S F Mid; F Mid holds.

The center of any Northern Stalemate is England. This is understandable when one realises that all stalemate positions (with the exception of the one described in my letter in GRAUSTARK #262) slant across the board. Thus, for the Northern Alliance to be able to move into stalemate, it either needs England as a partner, or it must capture it by the early midgame.

It is necessary to note that this is a truly last ditch effort, and can only succeed if Germany, France, and Russia are unable to attack by sea, and of course the countries of Austria-Hungary, Italy, and Turkey are bottled up in the Mediterranean.

## Position II:

Supply centers: Lon, Edi, Liv, Por, Den, Swe, Nwy, St.P.

Positions &amp; Moves: A St.P, A Den, &amp; F Mid hold; F Nwy S A St.P; F Por &amp; F Iri S F Mid.

This is the basic stalemate position mentioned by Beshara. Although a foreign fleet in the northern waters usually ruins the stalemate, if there are two extra supply centers as in this case two special cases exist. One is an enemy fleet in Bothnia, Sweden, or the Baltic. The extra units are an army in Sweden supporting Denmark and a fleet in Bothnia, Finland, or Barents supporting St. Petersburg. The other special case is a fleet in Barents, countered by a fleet holding in the Norwegian Sea and one in Finland supporting St. Petersburg.

## Position III:

Supply centers: Lon, Edi, Liv, Por, St.P, Nwy, Swe, Den, Hol.

Positions &amp; Moves: F Mid, A St.P, A Den, &amp; A Hol hold; F Por &amp; F Iri S F Mid; F Nwy S A St.P; F Nth &amp; F Hel S F Hol.

This position does not permit the variation of II, but there are two variations here: One is an army in Belgium, supported by F Nth & F Eng; another is A Kie, supported from Denmark, Helgoland, and the Baltic.

## Position IV:

Supply centers: Lon, Edi, Liv, Por, Hol, Kie, Den, Nwy, Swe, St.P.

Positions &amp; Moves: A St.P, A Kie, A Hol, &amp; F Mid hold; F Nwy S A St.P; A Den &amp; F Hel S A Kie; F Nth S F Hol; F Por &amp; F Iri S F Mid.

This position can be moved into from the main possibility of III, or the Kiel variation, but not the Belgian one.

## Position V:

Supply centers: Lon, Liv, Edi, Por, Bel, Hol, Kie, Den, Swe, Nwy, St.P.

Positions & Moves: F Mid, A St.P, A Ruh, A Bel, & A Kie hold; F Por & F Iri S F Mid; F Nwy & A St.P; A Hol S A Ruh; F Nth S A Bel; A Den S A Kie.

At this point I am afraid that the variations become too numerous to mention. Therefore, I will only mention major ones when they are possible.

Position VI:

Supply centers: Lon, Liv, Edi, Por, Bre, Par, Bel, Hol, Kie, Den, Swe, Nwy, St.P.

Positions & Moves: A St.P, F Mid, A Kie, A Bur, & A Bre hold; F Nwy S A St.P; F Por & F Iri S F Mid; A Ruh S A Kie; A Pic & A Par S A Bur.

There are two variations that are potentially important. (1.) Instead of an army in Picardy, an army in Gascony, supported from Brest, paves the way for a land link-up of the southern and northern contingents. (2.) Instead of F Nwy, an army in Livonia, supported from St. Petersburg, and a F Bot or F Bel helps increase the safety of St. Petersburg in the event of a missed move.

Position VII:

Supply Centers: Lon, Liv, Edi, Por, Bre, Par, Bel, Hol, Kie, Swe, Nwy, Den, St.P, Spa.

Positions & Moves: A St.P, A Kie, A Bur, F Spa, & F Mid hold; F Nwy S A St.P; A Ruh S A Kie; A Gas & F Por S F Spa; A Par S A Bur; F Iri S F Mid.

This is a position that, with the St. Petersburg variation, has only one weak spot: the Mid-Atlantic. If an army is placed in Denmark, then any missed move will not be crucial except in the Mid-Atlantic.

Position VIII:

Supply Centers: Lon, Liv, Edi, Por, Spa, Mar, Bre, Par, Bel, Hol, Mun, Kie, Dan, Swe, Nwy, St.P.

Positions & Moves: A Liv, A Mun, A Mar, F Spa, & F Mid hold; A St.P & F Bal S A Liv; A Kie & A Bur S A Mun; A Gas S A Mar; F Iri S F Mid; A Ruh S A Mun.

This position is the one preceding link-up of all forces. Such a link-up is preferable, because it shortens the lines.

Position I:

Supply centers: Lon, Liv, Edi, Por, Spa, Mar, Bre, Par, Bel, Hol, Kie, Mun, Ber, Den, Swe, Nwy, St.P.

Positions & Moves: A Liv, A Pru, A Mun, A Mar, & F Wes hold; A St.P S A Liv; A Ber S A Pru; A Ruh & A Bur S A Mun; A Gas S A Mar; F NAF & F Spa(s.c.) S F Wes.

This is a stalemate position that can stand up to a missed move. All the crucial minimal stalemate points are either completely behind the lines, or exposed to only one enemy unit.

The next expansion yields not stalemate, but a win for the single player. Thereafter, the South is on the defensive. I am working on an article on the southern positions, and would appreciate any help that can be offered.

In the meantime, there are two other places to look for stalemate positions. One is my letter to GRAUSTARK #262, p. 16. The other is Wazir #3, available free with a membership in The Diplomacy Association. Those interested should contact John J. Beshara, Apt. 1021, 155 W. 68th St., New York, N. Y. 10021, who wrote the article.

Lastly, I wish to assure everyone that all research into stalemates that appear in this article was done by the author. The Beshara article was not used in the writing.

1972E - PRESS RELEASES

MOSCOW: The Provisional Government in Moscow invites the Governments of Austria-Hungary and Turkey to open diplomatic relations with the newly formed Government in Moscow, in an effort to ease the situation now existing in a fair and realistic manner. It is difficult for a new government to justify the actions and attitudes of its Predecessor and to continue on a previously assigned path of uncompromising policies. It is cur-

desire to change this situation.

The Provisional Government of Russia in Moscow will recognize the Turkish occupation in Sevastopol with no further protest in exchange for a discontinuation of Turkish units into Russian soil, thereby laying the ground work for co-operation in creating mutual goals. - Minister Petrovich.

#### 1972A - PRESS RELEASES

VIENNA (DAMN, 9 Oct. 1904): The new Emperor of the Austrian Empire, Volke Wilhelm, when told of the recapture of the Austrian port city of Trieste, was heard to exclaim, "What was ours is ours again!!" His aide, Capt. Ronnwald Tracy, showed his displeasure with this development (he had been offered the governorship of the city by the atheistic Italians) and was promptly executed.

VIENNA (DAMN, 15 Oct. 1904): The Austrian Minister of Information released to the Displaying Any Maniacal News services today an open letter to the government of the infidel Turks. It was terse and to the point.

"To the Emperor of the Ottoman Empire, Lord of the Seven Gables, Inspiration to all Beggars, and Supporter of the Royal Jock:

"That was not a nice thing to do. Reparations are expected, or we shall be forced to exercise our military prerogative and retake our ancestral lands."

VIENNA (DAMN, 9 Oct. 1904): It was noted here today that most Russian newspapers bore the headlines, "Austrian Creampuffs On The March, Take Two Important Cities. Liberated Citizens Jubilant."

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Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Par is annihilated. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Mar. (1)

RUSSIA: Bel, Ber, Bud, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mos, Mun, Nwy, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (18)

TURKEY: Ank, Ere, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Par, Por, Rom, Ser, Smy, Spa, Tri, Tun, Ven. (15) Russia may build three new units, and Turkey may build one. Though both players have already submitted provisional "Winter 1913" instructions, I have thought it best to ask for confirmations or changes of these instructions before setting a deadline for "Spring 1914" moves. These players should accordingly send in their "Winter 1913" orders as quickly as possible.

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"Jacqueline Susann has a perfect way to end the war: 'If the North Vietnamese will give up all the US prisoners of war, the Republicans will release Martha Mitchell.'" - Earl Wilson, New York Post, 28 June 1972

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